



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Fault Wash Camelops Excavation (06/07-CD-15)

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project is the excavation and recovery of vertebrate fossils, identified as partially articulated cervical vertebrae, humerus, ulna, mandible, and anterior rib of a large extinct camel (*Camelops* sp.). This excavation is required for the protection and conservation of this very significant 1.1 million-year-old fossil specimen. The specimen is located within Fault Wash in the eastern Borrego Badlands. The excavation is expected to require 5 to 10 square meters of surface disturbance. No sensitive natural or cultural resources would be impacted by this excavation.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ X Categorical Exemption
Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
- Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource (Class 6).

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